

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A battery-operated screwdriver, having a housing (12, 18) with a handle (14), ~~in particular bent at an angle like a pistol grip,~~ with a ~~preferably fixedly installed~~ rechargeable battery (40), and with charge contact tongues (37) for charging the battery (40) on a charger shell (22), ~~characterized in that the battery-operated screwdriver (10) has~~ wherein a battery (40), which is designed as a lithium ion cell (Li ion cell) and ~~can be~~ placed on a charger shell (22), and the charging mode ~~can be~~ is produced automatically; and that the charger shell (22) comprises at least one detachably mounted bit holder (99) for storing tool inserts, ~~particularly screwdriver bits,~~ of the battery-operated screwdriver (10) in captive fashion.

2. (currently amended) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the charging mode, the handle (14) protrudes so far from the charger shell (22) that for removing the battery-operated screwdriver (10) it ~~can~~ is comfortably be grasped from beneath and/or largely encircled with the hand.

3. (currently amended) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the charge contact tongues (37) protrude outward through lateral slots (35) in ~~the~~ a lower end of the handle (14) on both sides of ~~the~~ a parting plane (15) on ~~the~~ a side of ~~the~~ a internal angle and lock in the charging mode

onto charge contacts (23) of the charger shell (22), without requiring that separate cords or coupling plugs be actuated.

4. (currently amended) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the battery-operated screwdriver (10), in the charging mode, fits with the indentations (33) in its handle (14) over ~~the~~ resilient charge contacts (23) on the charger shell (22) and is thus secured in overlocking fashion against unintentional release from the charger shell.

5. (currently amended) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the charger shell (22) has embedding means (25, 251, 252) on its top side for receiving the battery-operated screwdriver (10), which correspond to a copy of its internal angle outer surfaces that are enclosed by ~~the~~a handle (14) and ~~the~~a motor housing (12) and ~~the~~a gearbox (18); and that at least one of ~~the~~ embedding means (25, 251, 252) extends at an angle of less than 90~~[[Θ ]]~~<sup>°</sup> to ~~the~~a vertical.

6. (currently amended) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim ~~4~~5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the handle (14) enters in wedgelike fashion only with its ON/OFF button (26) into the embedding means (25, 251, 252) of the charger

shell (22), and the handle (14) itself protrudes from the charger shell (22) and dips only minimally into the embedding means (25, 251, 252).

7. (currently amended) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the charger shell (22) ~~can be placed~~is placeable, standing securely, on a flat and ~~in particular~~ horizontal storage shelf, without having to be secured and firmly held when the battery-operated screwdriver (10) is removed.

8. (currently amended) A charger shell for a battery-operated screwdriver (10) as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein it has at least one, detachably, mountable bit holder (99), particularly for receiving a plurality of bits (93), which in operation can be inserted, in particular plugged in in a manner secure against relative rotation, in communication with the battery-operated screwdriver (10).

9. (currently amended) The charger shell as recited in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the bit holder (99) is mountable laterally on the charger shell (22) and in ~~the~~a process is fitted flush into ~~the~~in outer contour of the charger shell (22), in an overlockable fashion.

10. (currently amended) The charger shell as recited in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the charger shell (22) has an elongated indentation (98) for receiving the bit holder (99), which indentation is longer than the bit holder (99) and which, with the bit holder (99) inserted, forms a permanent opening (96) for grasping from below with ~~the~~a finger for the sake of removing the bit holder (99).

11. (currently amended) The charger shell as recited in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the bit holder (99) is located parallel to ~~the~~an indentation for ~~the~~a handle region of the battery- operated screwdriver (10).

12. (currently amended) The charger shell as recited in claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the bit holder (99) is kept in ~~the~~a signal color red, and the charger shell (22) is kept in ~~the~~a color black and/or dark green and/or dark blue.

13. (currently amended) The charger shell as recited in claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~wherein input pinions (73, 95) for the bits (93) are located extending perpendicular to ~~the~~a contour of the charger shell (22).

14. (currently amended) The charger shell as recited in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the charger shell (22) has input pinions (73), disposed fixedly in its front region, for captively receiving screwdriver bits (93), particularly in one row parallel to ~~the~~a length of the bit holder (99).

15. (previously presented) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim 1, wherein the bit holder (99) is overlockably received in the charger shell (22).

16. (previously presented) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim 1, wherein the charger shell (22) comprises a groovelike indentation for receiving the bit holder (99).

17. (previously presented) The battery-operated screwdriver as recited in claim 1, wherein the bit holder (99) is made of an elastic material.